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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. SOUTH AFRICA: SOWETO DISTURBANCES CONTINUE

A. SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS RIOT AT SYMBOLIC SITE

A THIRD DAY OF SERIOUS CLASHES BETWEEN POLICE AND BLACK STUDENTS HAS CENTERED AROUND UNCLE TOM'S HALL IN SOWETO'S WESTERN SECTION. POLICE SAY THE SKIRMISHES SHOW NO SIGN OF ENDING. CONSULATE GENERAL JOHANNESBURG REPORTS THAT PARENTS AND TEACHERS HAVE LOST CONTROL OF THE STUDENTS, WHO HAVE LITTLE CONFIDENCE IN ESTABLISHED BLACK ORGANIZATIONS.

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B. AFRICANS AT UN MONITOR SOWETO EVENTS

USUN REPORTS THAT THE UN AFRICAN GROUP MET AUGUST 6 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE REACTIONS TO THE CURRENT DISTURBANCES IN SOWETO. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE GROUP DECIDED TO SEND LETTERS CONDEMNING THE SAG TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND TO SYG WALDHEIM. EVEN THOUGH THERE APPEARS TO BE LITTLE ENTHUSIASM AT THIS TIME FOR ANOTHER DEBATE ON SOUTH AFRICA, THE AFRICAN MISSIONS CAN BE EXPECTED TO CLOSELY

WATCH THE SITUATION. IF THE LEVEL OF VIOLENCE INCREASES, THE PRESSURE WILL QUICKLY BUILD TO HOLD A UNSC DEBATE EARLY NEXT WEEK. (UNCLASSIFIED) JOHANNESBURG 1314; 1301 AND (CONFIDENTIAL) USUN 3134, 8/6.)

## 2. ITALY: ABSTINENCE MAKES ANDREOTTI'S HEART GROW FONDER

WITH THE DECISION OF ALL MAJORITY PARTIES TO ABSTAIN, THE ANDREOTTI GOVERNMENT APPEARS ASSURED OF AN INITIAL PARLIAMENTARY VOTE OF CONFIDENCE. ANDREOTTI'S PROGRAM, AS PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT ON AUGUST 4:

--FOCUSED ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS;

--REFLECTED ANDREOTTI'S NEED TO SEEK THE BROADEST POSSIBLE CONSENSUS; AND

--WAS UNEQUIVOCALLY PRO-WESTERN IN ITS FOREIGN POLICY ASPECTS.

EMBASSY COMMENT: SINCE FEW OBSERVERS EXPECT THE NEW GOVERNMENT TO LAST MUCH BEYOND THE END OF THE YEAR, THE NEXT FOUR TO FIVE MONTHS ARE CRUCIAL. THE SUCCESSOR TO THE ANDREOTTI GOVERNMENT WILL DEPEND, TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT, ON HOW SUCCESSFUL ANDREOTTI IS IN REBUILDING DC BRIDGES TO THE LAY PARTIES. IN THE MEANTIME, THE PCI WILL TRY TO MAKE ITSELF INDISPENSABLE SO THAT IN THE NEXT RESHUFFLE IT CAN DEMAND AND GET AN EVEN GREATER ROLE. (CONFIDENTIAL) ROME 12725, 8/5.)

## 3. BHUTTO ON FOREIGN POLICY CONFIDENTIAL

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IN AN AUGUST 3 SPEECH AT PAKISTAN'S COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE, BHUTTO GAVE GREATER EMPHASIS THAN IN THE PAST TO FINDING BILATERAL SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY KASHMIR. THE PRIME MINISTER:

--SAID HIS RECOGNITION OF THE UN'S IMPOTENCE ON THE KASHMIR ISSUE AND THE DECISION THAT PAKISTAN SHOULD

NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH INDIA IS NOT TO BE CONSTRUED  
AS A COMPROMISE;

--REITERATED PAKISTAN'S FIRM OPPOSITION TO ALLOWING  
INDIA ROAD TRANSIT RIGHTS; AND

--ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT DAOUD WILL VISIT PAKISTAN  
IN AUGUST TO CONTINUE PAK-AFGHAN TALKS. (CONFIDENTIAL)  
ISLAMABAD 8120, 8/6.)

4. GUYANA: KEEPING THE BOORS AT BAY

EMBASSY GEORGETOWN REPORTS THAT RECENT INCIDENTS OF SOVIET  
"HEAVYHANDEDNESS" AND CUBAN "ARROGANCE" HAVE CAUSED FRIC-  
TION IN GUYANA AND ANNOYED PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM. ACCORD-  
ING TO THE EMBASSY:

--THE INCIDENTS DO NOT SIGNAL A MAJOR DISRUPTION IN  
THE GOG'S RELATIONS WITH CUBA AND THE SOVIETS, BUT  
NEITHER ARE THEY EXPECTED TO ABATE.

--BURNHAM FEARS ANY SIZABLE SOVIET AND/OR CUBAN PRES-  
ENCE IN GUYANA, BUT STILL HOPES THAT MOSCOW WILL HELP  
FINANCE AN IMPORTANT HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT AND DOES  
NOT WANT TO ANTAGONIZE THE SOVIETS AT THIS TIME. (CON-  
FIDENTIAL) GEORGETOWN 1568, 8/6.) HABIB

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